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HOUSE BILL 393

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS; REQUIRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEES TO  
BE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,  
Chapter 91, Section 2) is amended to read:

"10-15-2. STATE LEGISLATURE--MEETINGS.--

A. Unless otherwise provided by joint house and  
senate rule, all meetings of [~~a quorum of members of~~] any  
committee or policy-making body of the [~~state~~] legislature held  
for the purpose of discussing public business or for the  
purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the  
delegated authority of [~~such~~] the committee or body are  
declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times.  
Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to the public by

underscoring material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 publication on the daily calendars or by the presiding officer  
2 of each house at the time the meeting is scheduled.

3 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section  
4 ~~[shall]~~ do not apply to matters relating to personnel or  
5 matters adjudicatory in nature ~~[or any bill, resolution or~~  
6 ~~other legislative matter not yet presented to either house of~~  
7 ~~the legislature or general appropriation bills]~~ or to  
8 investigative or quasi-judicial proceedings relating to ethics  
9 and conduct or to a caucus of a political party.

10 C. For the purposes of this section, "meeting"  
11 means a gathering of a quorum of the members ~~[called by the~~  
12 ~~presiding officer]~~ of a standing committee or conference  
13 committee held for the purpose of taking any action within the  
14 authority of the committee or body."